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Pair escapes Maple Lake ultralight plane crash unharmed

by **PETER DOWNS**
Staff Reporter

Boaters and anglers enjoying themselves on the calm waters of Maple Lake Sunday morning watched in shock as an ultralight aircraft coming in for a landing crashed into the lake.

The two Toronto area men flying in the two-seater plane narrowly escaped injury after being trapped upside down briefly in the wreckage.

Pilot Jim Shaw of Mississauga, said he was attempting to land the plane — which he built with passenger Don Popplow of Brampton — on the lake when it lost power, plunged into the water and flipped over.

The two men were flying from Shaw's Severn River cottage for a fly-in at nearby Stanhope Airport.

As nearby boaters rushed to the scene, Shaw, 48, and Popplow, 46, were able to unlock their seat belts and extricate themselves from the floating wreckage.

Neither of the men sustained injuries in the 10:15 a.m. crash.

Maple Lake cottager Mark Adam, 17, was one of the first boaters to reach the crumpled aircraft in the water. He had been watching the plane as it flew in from the south end of the lake.

"They didn't look like they were coming in really well. The plane was kind of wobbly. They came in over the lake and then just nose-dived," he said from his boat as others tried to right the plane and drag it out of the lake.

"It surprised me," he said. "As soon as I saw it hit, I took off over there."

By the time he reached the crash site, the two men were already out of the wreckage and treading water beside it.

Maple Lake cottager Bill Binsted was watching the plane fly above the lake as he fished from his boat.

"It looked like right at the last minute the pilot tried to abort the landing," he said. "The plane's nose went up, its right wing dipped and it dived right into the water."

Binsted said he hurried over to the fallen plane and tried to help its two passengers.

"I offered one of them my life jacket, but he didn't want it. He wasn't interested in anything but the plane," he said.

Two other boaters towed the badly damaged plane into the shallow water at Lochaven Inn, as curious guests and cottagers watched the action from the shore.

It took several men, including

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CELEBRATING THE OLYMPIC SPIRIT



Lesley Tashlin basked in the warm applause of the "thousands of people" lining Haliburton's main street for Wednesday night's Rotary Carnival Parade. Home in Haliburton for a few days after the Atlanta Olympics, the 27-year-old former HHSS track star was the special guest of the parade which celebrated the Olympic spirit (and created a mini revival of the ancient Greek toga.) For a feature on Tashlin, please see page 16. Rotary Mile is on page 14; carnival pictures on page 21.

Round-the-clock coverage spreads OPP presence thin

by **PETER DOWNS**
Staff Reporter

Despite the large increase in the area's seasonal population, fewer OPP officers are patrolling Haliburton County per shift this summer than were on the streets six months ago.

And the decrease has got some members of local community police support groups worried the county isn't receiving an adequate level of protection.

John Goverde, president of the Wilberforce Community Policing Association, said many other police support volunteers echoed his concerns at a recent zone meeting.

"It came out quite clear that everyone is upset because nobody can see any officers around anymore," he said.

Goverde provided *The Echo* with OPP shift schedules, indicating a significant drop in the number of officers on duty per shift during June compared to January.

But contrary to a misconception held by some, the decline has nothing to do with the OPP's recent decision to amalgamate its Minden and Coboconk detachments, centralizing administrative operations in Coboconk, said Staff Sergeant Andy Millar.

The reduction in officers per

shift is a direct result of the force's decision a few months ago to increase its coverage to 24 hours from 20 hours at its Minden and Coboconk bases, he said.

Because the OPP is now operating four more hours per day — in two 12-hour shifts — with the same number of officers, it has no option but to schedule fewer constables per shift, Millar explained.

"I guess it would be difficult to argue that when you move to 24-hour coverage that you don't spread yourself a little thin," he said.

During three day shifts last

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HOW DID IT HAPPEN? A wet pilot, Jim Shaw, warms up as he describes what happened to Minden OPP Const. Boyd Jarvis after a Stanhope firefighter takes his blood pressure.

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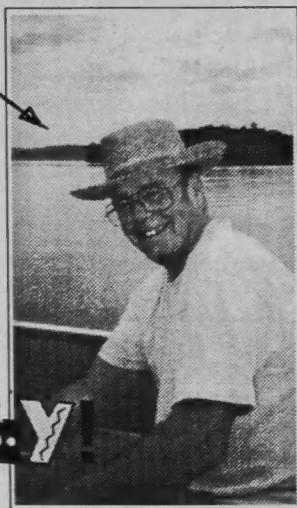
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EVEN THOUGH this week's Echo is full of photographs, there are a few notable exceptions: pictures of the Rotary carnival parade. The Echo's photographer, as they say, experienced some technical difficulties with the camera - a broken shutter - and except for the picture of Lesley Tashlin, none

of the photos turned out. If you have any pictures of the parade, please bring them into the Echo office this week and we'll try to get as many of them in next week's paper as possible. Apologies to all the people who worked so hard on so many wonderful floats.

Every year, more than 26,000 people are killed or injured by landmines. Buried in the ground, more than 110 million landmines lie waiting in more than 60 countries to kill or injure any man, woman or child who steps on one. At least 90% of landmine victims are innocent children. The Canadian Red Cross wants local children to send the world a message - ban anti-personnel landmines now! It is holding a poster contest for artists 18 years and younger to voice their opinions. The deadline for submissions is August 30 so start working now; the first prize is \$500 and the two second prizes are for \$250 each. Top posters will be on display during the International Conference on Landmines in Ottawa on October 3-5. The poster should be 45 cm by 60 cm (18" by 24") and may combine images and words to make your statement on landmines. You may use an medium to design your poster. However, keep in mind that the work must be original and that it should be in a medium that can easily be reproduced as a poster. Please attach a piece of paper to the back of your work with your name, signature, age, address and a telephone number. Submissions will not be returned and can be sent to Poster Contest, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Non-Proliferation, Arms Control and Disarmament Division, Lester B. Pearson Building, Sussex Drive, Ottawa, Ont., K1A 0G2.

Meanwhile, the Red Cross is very pleased with the response to the Quebec Flood Appeal Fund. Public and business donations now total \$8.5-million, which will help the Red Cross cope with the needs of the 3,241 families who have requested assistance. Last week we had a story about how you could donate to the fund through many banks, and the Red Cross says 100% of the donations go directly to the people in need. None of the money goes towards administrative costs.

Pilot blames "wing stall" for Maple Lake crash

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the soaking wet pilot and passenger, more than an hour to turn the small plane rightside up and haul it out of the water.

Standing on the beach beside the mangled aircraft, the pilot played down the seriousness of the crash.

"It really wasn't that dramatic," Shaw said. "... It was like falling off water skis. You hit the water - bang - and that's it."

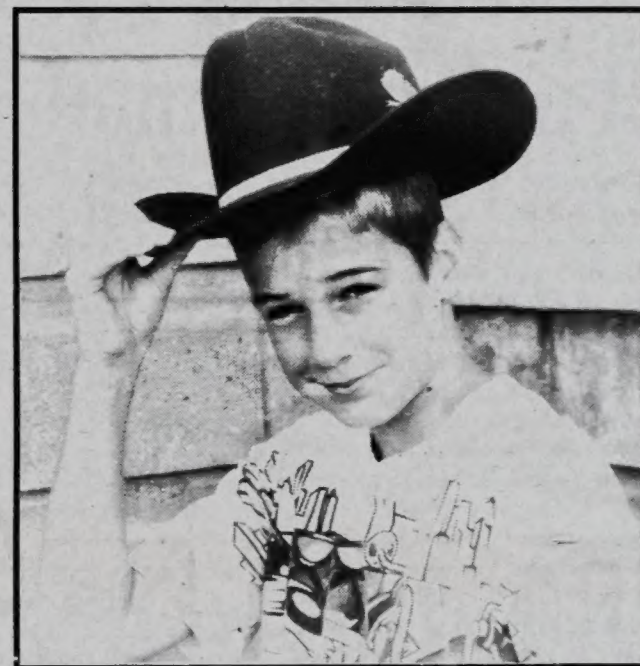
Shaw said he believes a "wing stall" caused the

Walter Leveck of Gooderham would like to know if anyone else is interested in "adopting a family" from the areas damaged by the flooding in Quebec. Perhaps each community or cottage association or clubs could help raise money for families whose homes were destroyed or damaged. If interested please call him at 447-2008.

HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

News about people and events in Haliburton County

With the bad news about the economy and job prospects for young people, Sir Sandford Fleming College has some good news. More SSFC graduates landed jobs related to their field of study in 1995 than in 1994, a total of 1,090 graduates from the 1,330 available for work. The overall placement rate of 1995 graduates was 81% for those available for work. Placement among graduates from the Peterborough campus was 83%, with 57% finding employment related to their program. At the Lindsay campus, 79% of grads found work, and 46% had related employment. The average salary for employed 1995 graduates was \$24,000 a year, six months after graduation. This is up \$1,000 over 1994.



11-year-old Daryl Ferguson of Lake Kashagawigamog won the Haliburton Rodeo colouring contest and was given this bright-red cowboy hat as his prize.

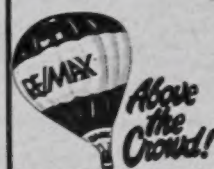
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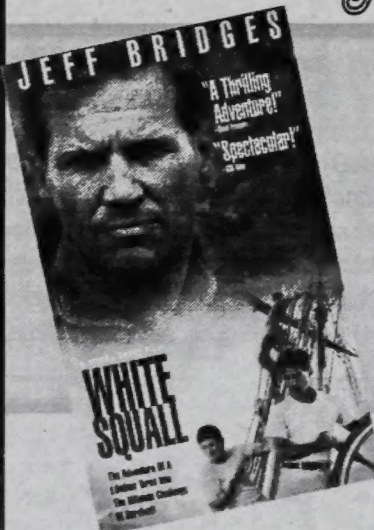


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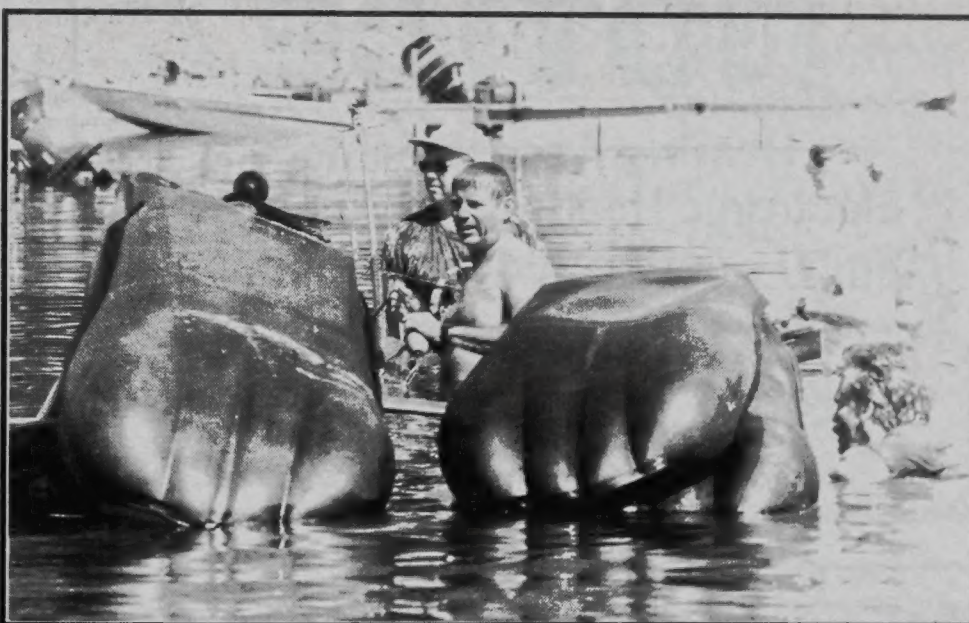
Maple Lake boaters and cottagers try to overturn the crumpled ultralight aircraft in the shallow water at Lochaven Inn after it plunged into the lake in a crash landing.

Boaters salvage crashed plane

• Photos by Peter Downs •



Mark Adam was one of the first boaters to reach the crash scene.



Pilot Jim Shaw, centre, and passenger Don Popplow, far right, examine their overturned aircraft as boaters who offered their assistance help drag it toward shore.

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New 24-hour coverage creates scheduling challenges for police

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month and one night shift there were only two constables scheduled for duty in Haliburton County, according to the schedules.

For the remainder of the month, between three and five officers were scheduled to work each day and night shift.

During a three-week period from January 7 to January 27, there was never less than four officers scheduled to work any single shift.

There were between five and 10 constables scheduled for duty on the day shift throughout the three weeks, while between four and eight officers were scheduled for nights.

Goverde complained there were too few constables scheduled at times during June to provide adequate protection.

"You're very lucky if there's ever four officers on duty at the same time," he said. "If there's only two men working, you've only got one cruiser working in Haliburton County."

While OPP officers travel solo in cruisers during the day, they are required to ride in pairs after 10 p.m.

Millar admitted "we do run a little thin sometimes," but maintained the shifts when there were only two officers on duty

occurred during the middle of the week, traditionally the slowest time for calls.

"There's been no complaints that there's been no back-up or a lack of manpower to respond to any calls from the officers," said Millar.

Neither has he received complaints from the public, he said.

He also maintained it is unfair to compare the schedule for June, when more officers book their holidays, to January's schedule.

Millar, who took over command of the Minden detachment when it merged with Coboconk in February, said the decision to move to 24-hour coverage was made by Central Region Chief Superintendent Bill Hutton.

Though Minden officers were "reluctant" to accept the change, said Millar, they agreed "almost unanimously" to operate on two 12-hour shifts per day, rather than eight-hour shifts.

Currently, the day shift runs from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the night shift runs from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

However, there may be other alternatives, such as overlapping shifts by staggering start times for officers, which would put more constables on patrol at the same, said Millar.

"That way you could still pro-

vide 24-hour coverage and you could have the largest number of officers on duty at the busiest times," he explained. "The problem for me is that I have to get the officers to agree to that. It's a voluntary thing."

In September, the detachment will reassess its new schedule of 24-hour coverage to see how well it's working and determine whether their is room for improvement.

"We'll try to get some input from the public," said Millar. "Maybe they don't care about 24-hour coverage."

Chief Superintendent Hutton said it is possible for Staff Sgt. Millar to schedule officers from the Coboconk detachment to put in shifts in Haliburton County to ensure the area has adequate coverage and vice versa.

"They're all his people and he should be thinking that way," he said.

Hutton said the OPP's Minden office will be receiving one additional officer next month when a female constable who is marrying one of the local officers transfers from her detachment in St. Thomas.

The OPP is planning to increase its compliment of officers in Haliburton county in the near future, he said.

Meanwhile, Hutton said the OPP is continuing to work closely with the Ontario Realty Corporation to find suitable space in Minden to relocate its administrative operations.

The ORC and the OPP are even discussing the possibility of purchasing the building the force rents in Minden and offering the owners land elsewhere.

"Hopefully, that's something we'll be able to resolve within the next month or so," he said.

Officers no longer being sent to Wasaga Beach, OPP says

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The Ontario Provincial Police force will no longer second officers from its Minden office for duty at Wasaga Beach, says Andy Millar, staff sergeant of the Minden-Coboconk detachment.

Millar said he was told of the special exemption by Central Region Chief Superintendent Bill Hutton.

OPP detachments across the province are required to share the duty of patrolling Wasaga Beach, which draws massive crowds throughout the summer, particularly on holiday long weekends, said Millar.

"Here in Ontario there is no National Guard like there is in the United States so every detachment has to contribute officers to help out at natural disasters and other duties like Wasaga Beach," he explained.

But the mandatory Wasaga Beach detail has drawn criticism from some county councillors and community police support association members who feel there are already too few police officers patrolling Haliburton County without sending some of them elsewhere.

"Minden is the only detachment that I'm aware of that has been exempted from that duty ... so some other detachment is likely going to have to cough up a couple officers to cover for that," said Staff Sgt. Millar.

Minden officers may volunteer to put in overtime at

Wasaga Beach on their days off, but they won't be taken away from their regular shifts, he said.

At a recent meeting of county council, Chief Superintendent Hutton raised the hackles of at least one audience member when he said the OPP no longer sends Minden officers to Wasaga.

John Goverde, president of the Wilberforce Community Policing Association, provided The Echo with shift schedules that show three officers were scheduled to go to Wasaga Beach on June 29.

"All we are asking for is a straightforward honest answer to an honest question," he said. "... How can he stand up at a public meeting at county council and say no men are going to Wasaga Beach when everyone knows they are?"

But in a later interview, Hutton said he was referring to the OPP's policy since 1993 not to send officers to the beach every weekend.

Because two officers at the Minden office are members of the OPP's Emergency Response Team, they would be the officers to be sent to Wasaga when called upon.

However, Hutton said he has told Millar not to take the officers away from their regular shifts to cover the detail.

Two Minden officers who worked at Wasaga Beach over the holiday long weekend at the beginning of the month did so on overtime, he said.

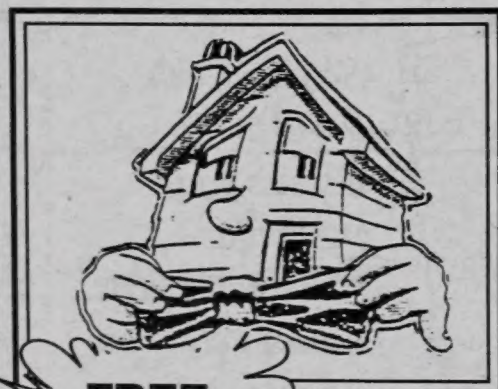
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But there were at least five other vehicles which were similarly damaged, including one vehicle which also had its win-

dows broken and oil poured over the seat.

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THOUSANDS KNOW HOW SHE FEELS: Stanhope teenager Caitlin Pettit holds the Maclean's magazine which has her letter about "plastic bodies" in it.

Teen's pen takes a stab at deflating artificial images of women's bodies

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

It was the first letter to the editor Caitlin Pettit had ever written. Judging by its impact, the Stanhope teenager may be able to make a career out of it.

The 16-year-old student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School was incensed when she read an article in Maclean's magazine about the use of surgery to either enhance or streamline body features.

Everything the article said was against what she believed, and what her parents, Bruce and Nancy, had taught her about self-image.

"It really struck a nerve. I thought it was all really fake and that people shouldn't be judged on the outside, especially women," she says. "My parents have always said 'accept yourself for what you are' and have been into positive body image."

Instead of staying mad, she got even by writing a letter to Maclean's. In the July 22nd edition (with Donovan Bailey on the cover), Caitlin's was the lead letter accompanied by an eye-catching photo of a "surgically enhanced" Pamela Anderson Lee. Although Caitlin might disagree with the message the photo is sending, it would have certainly brought attention to the words underneath it.

Response to the letter has been very positive. She's had lots of comments from people who thank her "for saying what we couldn't say." She also got a complimentary letter from a woman she didn't know.

For those who missed it in Maclean's, here's Caitlin's letter, which was minimally edited by the magazine.

As a 16-year-old girl, I find it sickening that the highest-paid, best-known actresses have achieved their positions not because of their substantial acting ability or intelligence, but due to their surgically enhanced bodies. Females growing up in today's society desperately need strong role models who will teach them to accept themselves the way they are, not overpaid bimbos hiding behind plastic body parts. Shame on Demi Moore, Pamela Anderson Lee and all of the other women who have given into this culture's insane beauty standards. All of the cosmetic surgery addicts need to realize that real beauty can't always be seen and certainly never bought.

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Bioregional mapping project ends for the summer

The Haliburton Highlands Bioregional Atlas Project has come to the end of its Environmental Youth Corps grant for the summer.

Project co-ordinator Anna Gibson says this summer has been very productive for the Atlas Project.

"Not only have we made partnerships with the Minden MNR, the Stanhope Museum Board and the Stanhope Council, but we are also well on our way to completing the 'Community Map Designers Handbook' and have welcomed three new map designers to the Atlas team," Gibson said.

The new map designers are Jim

Hopkins, who will be responsible for a map of education in the highlands, Kate Reed, who is responsible for a map of health, public and emergency services and Carolynn Coburn, who will be responsible for mapping demographics.

Bioregional mappers are also working on a civic addressing initiative for Stanhope in conjunction with the Haliburton, Kawartha and Pine Ridge District Health Council, Stanhope Council, Trent Conservation Coalition, Trent University and Sir Sandford Fleming College.

Work on this pilot study will be ongoing through the fall and winter.

Although the summer grant has ended, Gibson says work on the Atlas project does not stop.

Work does slow down, as summers are the only time the Atlas has full-time employees, but both Gibson and fellow researcher Geordan Harvey will be involved in the project throughout the year.

As usual, Trent University bioregionalism students will begin their research course in September and will continue their work over the winter and receive what support they need from the faculty at both Trent University and Sir Sandford Fleming College.

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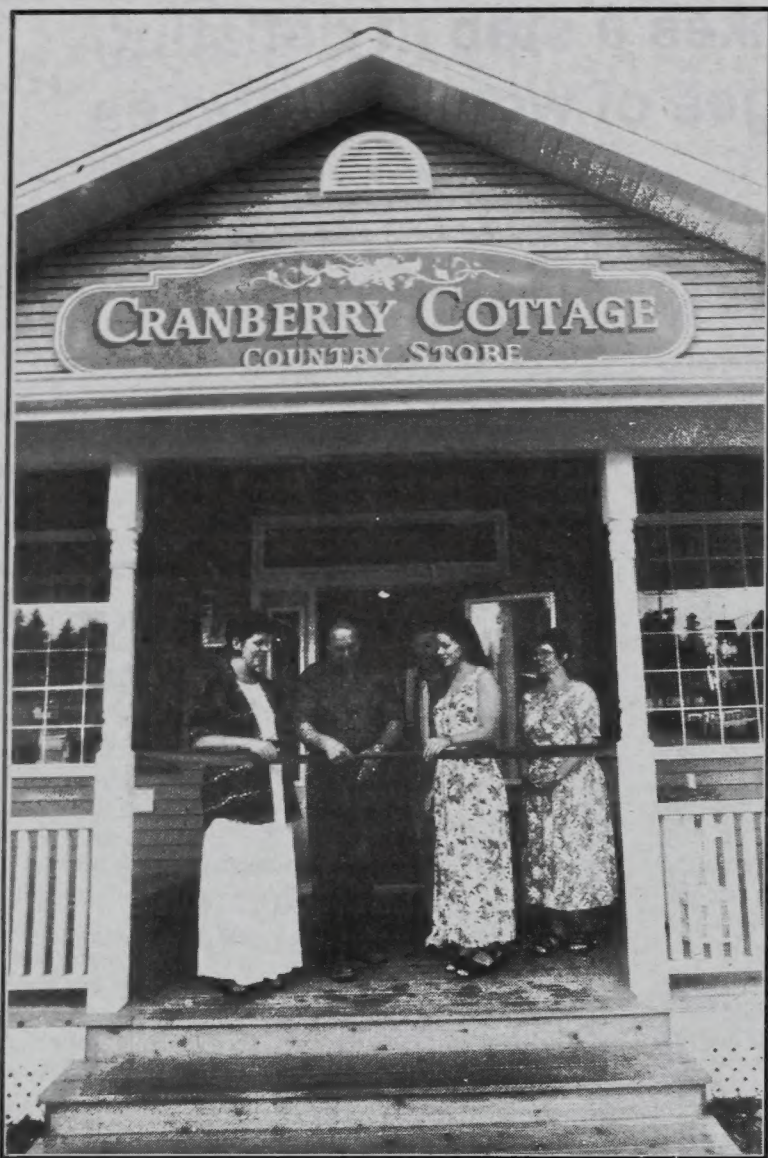
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People using parks for garbage dumps

by JODY LINDBECK
Staff Reporter

Household garbage being dumped in public park bins is causing headaches for Anson, Hindon and Minden staff.

Roads superintendent Clayton Cameron told council last Thursday that almost 200 bags of household waste were left in parks around the municipality in the past two weeks.

"People are just dumping garbage at parks, in ordinary household bags," Cameron said.

While Cameron agreed that the amount of garbage being left on the sides of roads in the municipality had been reduced, he said staff has a new problem with the increasing amount of rubbish being left in parks.

In answer to a question from Reeve Jeanne Anthon, Cameron said there is currently no signage advising people that household garbage should not be dumped in park bins.

Reeve Anthon said this was something for council to look at.

During the meeting, Cameron also reported good support for a recycling program established at

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the Ingoldsby dump.

Cameron said good use had been made of the facility, which

was established for the summer on a trial basis.

Reeve Anthon said a meeting of reeves within Haliburton county had looked at landfill sites as one area where costs might be reduced if municipalities worked together.

HHSS students win accounting contest

Two local high school students are being honoured by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario as this year's regional winners of the Ontario Business Educators' Association's (OBEA) annual accounting contests. John Craig and Ryan O'Neill of HHSS will each receive a letter of congratulations and certificate of achievement from the Institute. Each student participated in one of three province-wide accounting contests, sponsored by the Institute, and administered by the OBEA. This year's top students in the OBEA's Peterborough and Haliburton districts were:

OAC Accounting: 1st place: Mike Brown, Crestwood Secondary School, Peterborough; 2nd place: Mark Pellerine, Adam Scott Collegiate & Vocational Institute, Peterborough; 3rd place: Mark Porter, Adam Scott Collegiate & Vocational Institute, Peterborough.

Advanced Grade 11 Accounting: 1st place: Erica Ainsworth, Crestwood Secondary School, Peterborough; 2nd place: Tammy Fawcett, Lakefield District Secondary School, Lakefield; 3rd place: JOHN CRAIG, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, Haliburton.

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place: Tammy Kelly, Crestwood Secondary School, Peterborough; 2nd place: RYAN O'NEILL, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, Haliburton; 3rd place: Heather Pettifer, Adam Scott Collegiate & Vocational Institute, Peterborough.

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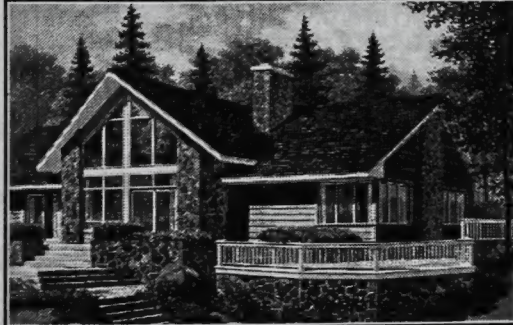
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Young country singer wins big

■ Alicia Sales takes first at Northern Ontario Country Singing Contest

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Alicia Sales was upset when the judges announced she had won the first prize at the Northern Ontario Open Country Singing Contest in North Bay on the civic holiday weekend.

She thought it would mean she wouldn't be able to compete next year.

But rest assured, the 13-year-old Haliburton resident will be welcomed back with open arms next year. The only hitch, however, is that she'll have to compete in the open category instead of the age 12-18 category.

That doesn't bother Alicia a bit.

The weekend event was the biggest ever in North Bay, attracting more contestants and more spectators than ever before.

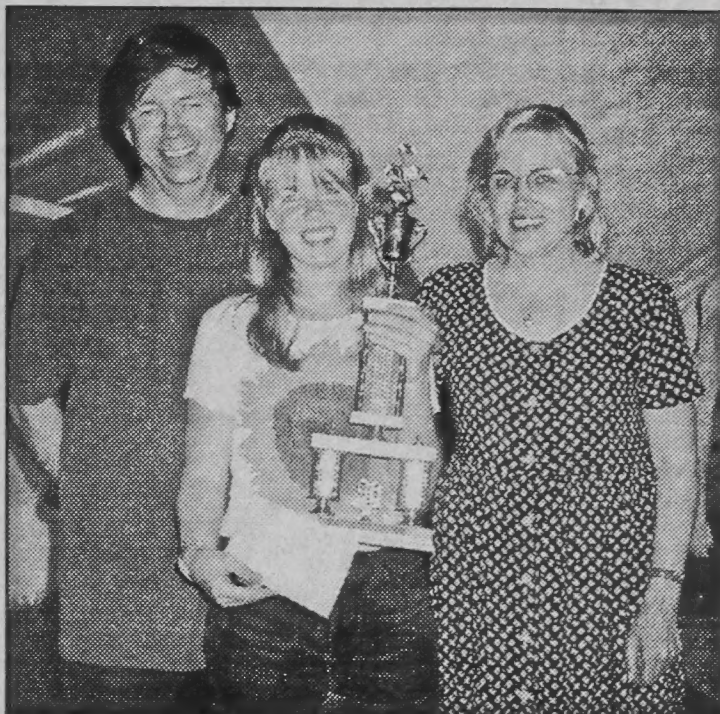
Alicia sang In Between Dances by Pam Tillis to show her wide range and also Terry Clark's Better Things To Do (which was a popular choice among contestants.)

"She just went out there and had a blast," says her mother Nancy.

Alicia had come third in the competition last year and while she wanted to improve her standing, she was nervous about the rule which says first-place winners cannot compete in the next year's event. Having won, it's true she would have to wait a year before competing in the 12-18 category, but there's nothing stopping her from going into the next, open, category.

Alicia was also very excited for her best friend, 11-year-old Casey Ogle of Haliburton who competed in the 12 and younger category for the first time. Casey did very well, despite having to get accustomed to singing with a microphone, and had a fun time.

Meanwhile, copies of the CD which features Alicia on three solos has been sold out twice at Video City. Snoopy's Country is a hit with local children and their parents and Alicia's been getting a very favourable response.



WINNING SMILE:

Alicia Sales' smile says it all as she is congratulated by her parents, Brad and Nancy, after winning the Northern Ontario Open Country Singing Contest in North Bay. Our thanks to Carol Stamp of West Guilford for taking the picture.

Haliburton Legion stays strong despite tough times

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

After suffering losses on the event for the past three years, Haliburton's branch of the Royal Canadian Legion was forced to cancel the Bluegrass Festival, originally scheduled for last weekend.

However, despite tough economic times, senior executive members say the association itself continues to remain financially healthy.

"We're hurting a little bit, but that doesn't mean we're in dire straits," said chairman of finance Vic Ibbotson. "We're keeping our heads above water."

Many Legion branches across the coun-

try have seen their finances dwindle for various reasons, including shrinking memberships.

Haliburton's Branch 129 has seen its membership grow by about 200 over the past two years, said president Dave Stirrett.

While the number of original members is shrinking as they pass away, far more associate members are signing up, he said.

Over the past seven years, the Legion has donated more than \$122,000 to community groups and projects.

Branch 129 is preparing to host up to 700 members from other Legion branches on September 21-22 when a Drumhead will be held in Haliburton.

Repairs require power outage

Ontario Hydro disrupted service in a large area north of the Town of Haliburton today. The power outage is needed to repair a line that was damaged by lightning.

Power was out from 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 13 in Harburn Township, Guilford Township, Havelock Township, Dysart Township north of and including Jim Beef Lake, and Stanhope Township: Highway 118 east of and including St. Peter's Road, the Airport Road, and the Barry Line and North Shore Road, east of but not including the Lochhaven Inn.

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"We would like to apologize in advance for the short notice and we'd like to thank our customers for their patience," said Colin Wilson, Regional Lines Supervisor with Ontario Hydro's Minden office. "But if we don't get this repair done now the line could fail and the whole area could be blacked-out for an even longer and less convenient time."

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HALIBURTON LEGION BRANCH 129 THANKS TO ALL

It is now common knowledge that world as well as local economic conditions in the last five (5) years have drastically and continued to change, thereby forcing most businesses to concentrate on controlling costs and/or downsizing in personnel, which in turn creates high unemployment and reduced spending.

Most Legions across Canada have felt the repercussions from these conditions and our Haliburton Branch 129 is no exception. During the past two years we have made many changes, and will continue to review the total operations on an ongoing basis.

Through all this we have and will continue to dedicate one of our most important services to the community through our monetary donations. These monies are derived from our bingos, Nevada tickets and all other draws with eighty-five percent (85%) given back to the community. Because of your devoted participation and that of our dedicated volunteers to raise funds, we were again successful this past year in fulfilling many "appeals" from various organizations or groups. Despite these current conditions, we are proud and elated to publish the following list of recipients, receiving monetary assistance during our "last fiscal year", June 1, 1995 to May 31, 1996.

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Over the last seven (7) years we have donated a total of: \$122,466.00

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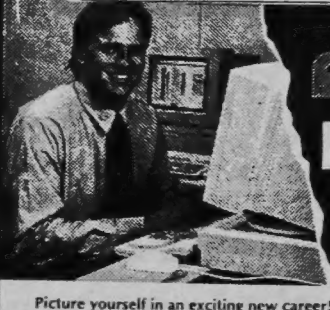
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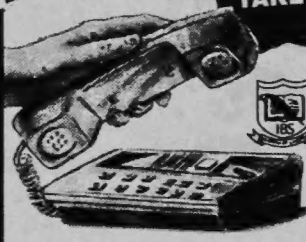


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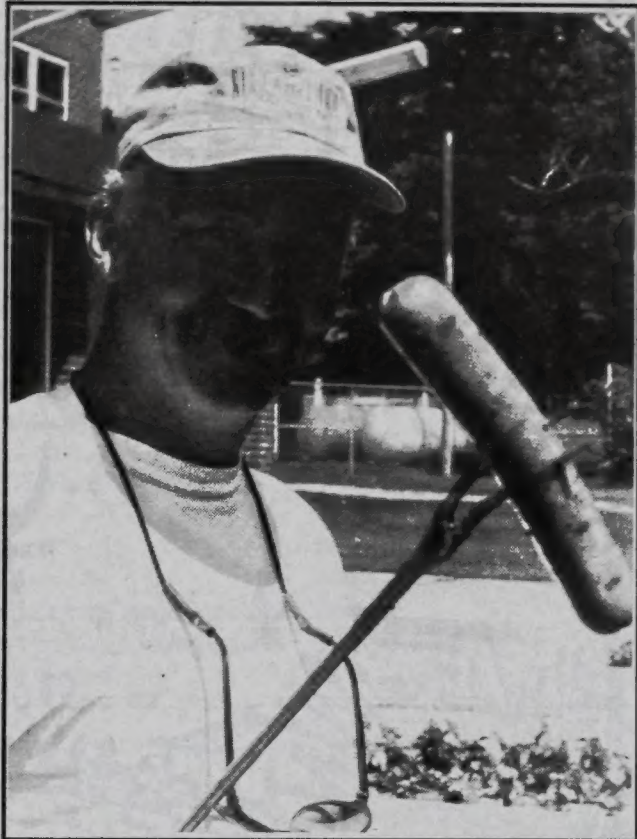
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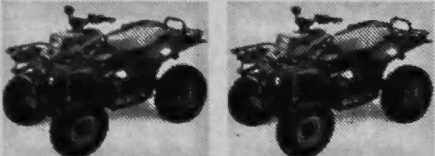
Kushog cottagers jump into summer fun



Cottagers and residents enjoyed the Kushog Lake Property Owners' Association regatta recently. Pictured clockwise from above are: two competitors in the three-legged race; interested spectator Matthew Code, 2; sack race competitors; Paul Villata and his son Alex, 2, in the balloon bursting competition; and barbecue expert, Leo O'Hara.

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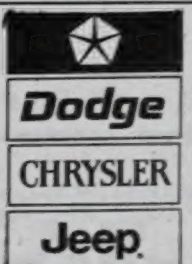
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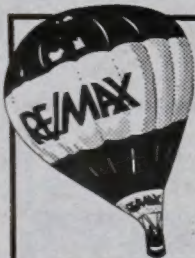
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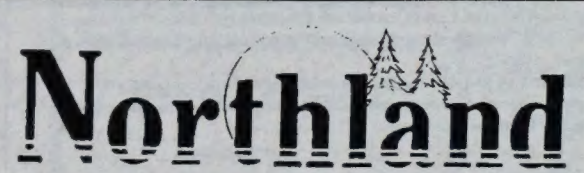
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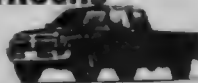


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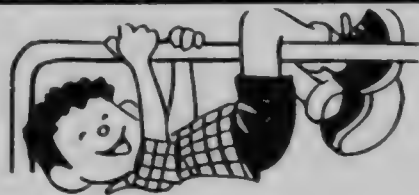
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Editorial

This tax is worth it

LAST TUESDAY, a subscriber came into the *Echo* office to pick up his paper, glanced at the top headline and harumphed. Another \$100 tax grab, he grumbled as thoughts of other taxes broke out in his memory like a bad case of chicken pox.

Let's hope he read the rest of the story, because in this case, a \$100 tax is quite a good idea.

With no offence to the banks, it's always annoying to have to pay interest on loans. After all, the money doesn't actually get you any further, it just allows you to spend money before you really have it. The proposal for a one-time \$100 levy for the local hospital projects makes sense, because if the county is going to take a lead role in raising the \$3.5-million this county needs for the project to get off the planning table, it would cost taxpayers a lot more if the county goes the traditional route of borrowing the money. When you borrow such a large amount of money, you end up paying for it for the next 20 years and the bulk of that money goes directly into the bank's coffers.

Why the rush to raise the money? The ten years it's taken to get to this point isn't exactly a rush, but the feeling that the hospital projects may actually go ahead is quite new. The Haliburton Highlands Health Services board – which is ultimately responsible for overseeing the construction of 30 long-term care beds in Haliburton, moving the Minden emergency department to Hyland Crest, and upgrading the senior citizens home to present standards – knows it must counteract a lot of public cynicism. Really the board must raise \$4.5-million, but \$1-million has been sitting in the bank (collecting the nice kind of interest) since the province put a freeze on the 18-bed addition to Haliburton Hospital eight years ago. There's a feeling on the board that people won't donate money again until there's some tangible proof that it will do more than sit in a bank for eight years.

Today, the board believes it's feasible to begin construction in the spring. But the province won't hand over its two-thirds of the funding before the board/county has raised its share. There's also the feeling that if the projects are delayed much longer, the budget-slashing provincial government will have other ideas of what to do with its \$6.4-million.

The one-time levy is a good idea because hospitals are such a motherhood issue. No one wants to have to visit a hospital, but if the need arises, they definitely want a hospital to be there – and open. The three-pronged capital project is the only way to provide some stability, especially in Minden where the lack of doctors has led to a different kind of emergency. Haliburton also needs the increased number of beds. This summer there have been people sleeping in the halls of the Haliburton Hospital – not just waiting there, but sleeping there.

What about the people who live so far from Haliburton and Minden that they'll likely never use the hospital? (For instance, people in Dorset go to Huntsville and Cardiff residents go to Bancroft.) Perhaps they can be excused from the levy and that money can be made up by charging it on the people who live in the five northern townships of Peterborough and Victoria counties. After all, much has been said in the past months about including these people in any deliberations about the Minden hospital, and surely they too would be willing to ensure its existence with the one-time pledge.

More than any other argument, one thing is very clear: This entire area needs healthcare stability if we are to capitalize on our only growth market – baby boom retirees. As local realtors will tell you, the hospitals are a motivating – or dissuading – influence on potential buyers.

Although a levy means there won't be as many bake sales and raffle draws to raise money for the construction, it only moves the projects one giant step forward. There are thousands of little steps to follow, and everyone's continuing support will be needed. Just as local organizations are constantly raising funds to purchase new and better equipment, there will always be the need for people to rally behind this most essential of services.

If you are in favour of the levy, please let your municipal councillors know. If you are not in favour, please let them know – but also know the consequences of what would happen if one day there were no local hospitals to go to.

M.P.



Haliburton at carnival time

by Peter Downs

Letters to the Editor

Internet users need federal help

To the Editor:

In your last issue, John O'Reilly, our MP, gave a brief outline of Schoolnet and the Community Access Program (CAP) that are intended to bring the Internet to rural Canada. The vision being that there would be computers in the libraries, community centres, information centres and training to allow citizens to make use of the Internet resources.

Haliburton has internet access through Halhinet, but setting up a server is an expensive proposition and our small user base keeps the costs up. Establishing a service is a risk and I am grateful that we have the service. I have no wish to jeopardize the existence of Halhinet. I see our service provider as being integral to the proposal.

Attempts to bring Knet into Haliburton in an inexpensive way have proven to be unsatis-

factory. It has flourished in Peterborough and Victoria Counties and provides an amazing amount of community information as well as a connection to the internet. It is also a valuable resource to the citizens of Haliburton County.

A Community Access grant would allow cheaper access, public participation, expanded exposure for Haliburton around the world. Information, business development, and marketing of all sorts are possible. To have a successful proposal there needs to be a mix of all levels of the community. County and municipal politicians and staff, service clubs, the local internet service provider, the library system, Sir Sandford Fleming, the Board of Education, local organizations and private citizens all need to be involved for Haliburton County to submit a viable proposal.

The proposal requires demonstrated community interest, a financial plan, committed resources, locations and volunteers.

I have been collecting information on rural information access from various internet sites for a while. I have also ordered two copies of the CAP application. The deadline is October 31. I would like to hear from anyone who is interested in submitting a proposal or who already has one in the works.

This is an opportunity that needs to be seized, now! We will need a strong proposal to get a grant.

Eric Lilius,
R.R. 1, Haliburton

Thanks for supporting toll bridge

To the Editor:

The Haliburton & District Lions Club thanks everyone who so generously gave donations to our Toll Bridge. Thank you all for helping us help others in a time of need. Your

patience - and good humour on such a hot day, were appreciated, as well as your many words of encouragement. Thanks again.

Committee Chairman,
Lion Ev Saxby

Stanhope manager will be missed

To the Editor

Mike Carey is gone!

Mike loved his little airport and also Haliburton. It's a sad day for many of us who got to know him so well in his seven years as Stanhope Airport manager. He wanted to stay here!

Mike came here with a degree in Airport Management from Georgian College in Barrie and kept up to date by attending short courses and seminars mostly at his own expense. He attended area conferences on emergency measures and drew up a plan for Stanhope to be utilized in the event of any disaster or crisis.

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Always congenial he knew every flier in the community and spread a warm welcome mat for all visitors, assisting them any way he could. A member of the airport committee told me he was a walking encyclopedia and could answer all questions in his field.

Versatile indeed, he covered all the bases at the airport as well as helping out with other township jobs when asked - mowing cemeteries, plowing snow, etc.

Mike new, as we all do, times

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Anne O'Hara, Spy

I recently went to see the movie, *Harriet the Spy*, which is based on the 1964 novel of the same name by Louise Fitzhugh. The novelist is not all that well known since she only penned a few books before dying of cancer at an early age, but *Harriet* was one of her best. I knew *Harriet* intimately. You see, when I was eight years old, I was *Harriet the Spy*.



ANNECDOTES

Anne Creelman

The story is that of an eleven-year-old only child who wants to be a writer. With the encouragement of her nanny, Ol Golly, *Harriet* writes down everything she sees in copy books she labels "Private Notebook". Some of her entries include spying on neighbours and observations of family and friends. When the book is read by *Harriet's* friends and schoolmates, her life takes a drastic turn for the worse, from which a hard lesson is learned. It is funny, yet a surprisingly insightful look at life through the eyes of a kid who thinks she is grown up but really isn't quite ready to do so.

I loved this book. I got it for Christmas from my mom and little did she realize what a monster she would unleash. After reading the book twice in about a week, I started taking on the characteristics I so admired in my heroine, *Harriet*. I donned a pair of old jeans, a red sweatshirt with a hood for disguise, and a belt complete with flashlight, notebook, penknife and mirror. I had an old pair of glasses with no lenses which I wore to make me look smarter. I ate tomato sandwiches endlessly and wished we had a dumbwaiter in our house. I adopted a spy route of my own which consisted of coming home from school, changing into my spy clothes and going out to spy on my bike.

This was a set area in my neighbourhood that I had mapped out and visited three times a week, all the while taking notes. I would go to the confectionary and watch the high school kids buy cigarettes and pop. I would ride up to the Italian restaurant at the mini mall and hang around by the back door watching the pizza boy load up his car and listen to the his family yell at each other in Italian. I would skulk in the raspberry bushes along the fence to watch our next-door neighbour lie in the sun and sip gin and tonics.

My family rolled their eyes indulgently at first, humouring the youngster who was really getting into role playing. They soon acquired complexes when I would whip out my notebook in the middle of something they were saying. When asked what I was writing, I would merely reply "Stuff" which would drive them mad.

It was all good fun for quite some months but I guess I started to wear thin with people or my spying was getting a little slipshod. The lady next door asked me to kindly not lie in the bushes watching her as I was making her feel like she was prey to a big cat. My sister caught me looking through her underwear drawer and turfed me out on my ear. My other sister woke one morning to see me standing over her with a flashlight, observing how her nose hairs moved when she breathed. I was lucky to get out of that scene alive. I had to go underground for awhile after that.

I, like *Harriet*, came to realize that there was more to writing than just jotting down nasty things about people. I still wrote in a journal but it was about more than just the people I saw and what they did. I wrote about places and things and thoughts I had about life in general. I too discovered that I wanted to write for a purpose. Twenty-eight years later I'm still doing it.

When it was announced that *Harriet* was being made into a movie, both of my sisters called me within two days to tell me the news. I was strangely upset by it. She was MY *Harriet* and I was reluctant to share her, even after all these years. I wasn't even sure I would go to see the movie. But of course I did and I'm glad I did. It is still a great story and for a change, the movie was almost as good as the book. It was nice to see a movie that had made you think while at the same time entertain and had actual dialogue instead of a soundtrack full of Hollywood stars.

I guess you can tell I still love *Harriet* and I guess I always will. We're kindred spirits, my spy and I.

More Letters to the Editor

Airport manager left reluctantly

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are tough and cuts have to be made. In his annual budget he proposed to meet this head on by, among other things, increasing user fees. As provincial grants diminished Mike proposed to have the airport on a break even point in three years. However, Stanhope Council chose not to support these recommendations.

When informed his hours would be cut considerably, versatile or not, he went looking for a job. There were no raised eyebrows at the council meeting when he tendered his resignation after receiving a management job at Warton airport. It would appear it was anticipated.

If Stanhope Township insists on

owning and operating an airport I don't know how they can cut any more to a one-man base paid at minimum township pay rate. If it is only open part-time it could be like any other part-time facility - to be avoided.

A nice little airport, Stanhope Municipal is used and shared by the entire county at least, including our Honourable MPP Chris Hodgson commuting far and wide as his duties call. Why not let the county share the costs of operation. Then Stanhope wouldn't have to cut.

Let it be known, Mike Carey, a nice guy, left here with a tear in his eye. He wanted to stay but had very little choice.

Dale Anthes
Stanhope



Pic of the Past

The gentleman in the middle of this photo was at one time the most well-known resident of Haliburton County - Thomas Mason. This picture taken on the corner of his property overlooking Boshkung Lake, was probably taken in 1931, so that means Mr. Mason was 102. Joining him in the front row are Rosamond

(Coneybeare) and Ray Oliver and visiting cousins Joyce and John Crowther. In the back row are Bill and Agnes Crowther. Our thanks to Joyce Crowther, who shared this photo in celebration of the 60 years the family has owned their Boshkung Lake cottage.

Just how racist are we?

IT SEEMS that racism has once again become a hot topic in our national media. Donovan Bailey has been castigated by many for allegedly calling Canada a "blatantly racist" country. A Canadian reporter for the "Globe and Mail", Jan Wong, was singled out and grilled at Toronto customs recently because of her race. Blacks living in Toronto feel they are unjustly targeted by police. The question should then perhaps not be "Are Canadians racist?" but "Just HOW racist are Canadians?"

No-one lives in a vacuum. No matter what the colour of our skin or cultural background, we absorb, consciously or unconsciously, the prejudices and stereotypes of the society which surrounds us. In this sense we are all racists. I used the verb 'to jew' in my early teens without realizing its origins or implications. The point was really hammered home to me, however, when living in Africa some years later. Discussing the problem of alcoholism and child neglect in the large city where I was living, I was shocked to learn that a particularly sad case involved a white family. Then I was shocked that I was shocked. I had auto-



PERSPECTIVES

Lon Duncombe

matically assumed that the family was African, that a member of the wealthy white professional community would be immune from such problems.

The social effects of racism are devastating. The current genocide threatening to engulf Rwanda and Burundi is based on modest racial differences between the Hutu and Tutsi people which were sharpened and institutionalized by their German and Belgian overlords. The Tutsi, a tall, graceful people who had immigrated from Somalia centuries ago, were assumed to be somehow superior to their Hutu countrymen and were given positions of authority over the latter by the colonial authorities. The rest is, as they say, history. In fact almost all former colonies around the world are suffering from the lingering effects of this kind of systemic, imposed racism which has blighted the history of the twentieth century.

Human beings are infinitely

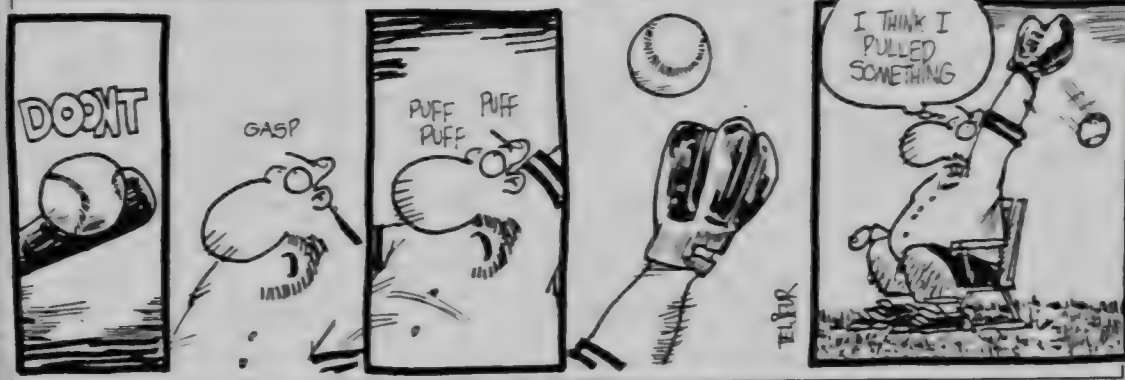
malleable creatures, and in reality almost all behavioural differences are rooted in culture and have nothing to do with race. This fact should be very apparent to any Canadian who has been watched our country evolve over the past decade. Wave after wave of immigrants have arrived at our shores, each has been initially discriminated against, then tolerated and finally accepted and integrated into the national mosaic.

So while discrimination certainly does exist in Canada, (as it does everywhere else in the world), our national experience tends to put the lie to any theories of racial superiority. In the meantime we can all recognize our individual prejudices, work to overcome them, and accept our differences - racial, cultural or whatever - as we simultaneously strive to unite behind a common set of values based on democracy, respect and the inherent worth of all races and cultures.

Martin Luther King probably said it best when he talked of longing to see the day when his children could live in a nation where they would "not be judged by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character."

Boonieville

by Charlie Telford



Rotary Mile's pace heats up

Third-fastest Canadian last year's record



by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

If you wanted to watch both the start and the finish line of the Rotary Mile on Wednesday night, you had to walk quickly.

Although the shortcut was only a block long, the winning runner took only 4 minutes and 13 seconds to go the long way. That's what happens when the third-fastest man in Canada comes to Haliburton.

Not surprisingly, Rich Tremain set a new record in the Rotary Mile, a race sponsored

by the Haliburton Rotary Club as part of the annual summer carnival. His time of 4:13:05 was five seconds faster than the previous record of 4:19:38, set by the man who followed Tremain to the finish line a few seconds later, Freddie Williams.

Two months ago, Tremain narrowly missed a chance to compete in the Olympics. Coming in third at the Olympic trials in the 1500m, his time of 3:41 was just three seconds slower than the qualifying time. That gives him four years to train for the Sydney Olympics, and Haliburton is as good enough a place to start as any.

Tremain made the trip to Haliburton, quite simply, for the money. He earned \$200 for the win, \$100 for the record and \$25 for leading at the halfway mark. It's not big prize money, but it helps to pay the rent and allow Tremain, who recently graduated with a commerce degree, more time to train. Commerce degree or not, it's easy to realize that it's hard to make money as an athlete, so Tremain is going to as many races as he can.

"I'm trying to make a living off running and this is a wonderful community to come to," he said before being given his medal by local Olympian Lesley Tashlin.

The Rotary Club is very pleased with the race results even though it has to pay out more money every year because every year it attracts a calibre of participant fast enough to break the record. There were 10 more participants this year, attracting both some of the fastest athletes and some of those with lots of heart and determination.

Congratulations also to Haliburton teenager Stephanie Ratz who came first in the junior category.

1996 Rotary Mile Results:

Overall winners/open category winners:

Male: 1st - Rich Tremain, Guelph, Ontario, 4:13:05 (new course record); 2nd - Freddie Williams, Mississauga, Ontario, 4:26:36; 3rd. John Bowden, Ottawa, Ontario, 4:28:49.

Female: 1st - Sarah Dillabaugh,

Greely, Ontario, 5:05:19; 2nd - Cecilia O'Neill, Lindsay, Ontario, 5:22:08; 3rd - Jennifer Dewan, Stratford, Ontario, 5:29:31.

Master category:

Male: 1st - Fred Robbins, Stouffville, Ontario, 4:45:36; 2nd - Dave Reed, Coquitlam, B.C., 4:54:28; 3rd - Tim Payne, Orillia, Ontario, 5:20:39.

Female: 1st - Diann Power, Ashburn, Ontario, 8:22:68; 2nd - Jean Niblo, Scarborough, Ontario, 9:53:97.

Junior category:

Male: 1st - Jaymi Dumper, Hawkestone, Ontario, 4:47:82; 2nd - Dave Sandomierski, Willowdale, Ontario, 5:01:82; 3rd - Jeff Barr, Burlington, Ontario, 6:09:50.

Female: 1st - Stephanie Ratz, Haliburton, Ontario, 5:55:76; 2nd, Alexis Lowes, Camp Timberlane, 6:30:66; 3rd - Deena Egier, Camp Timberlane, 7:06:91.



Rich Tremain of Guelph, above, crosses the finish line in record time. Stephanie Ratz, far left, of Haliburton had the fastest junior women's time. Below, Tremain, who's the third fastest Canadian in the 1500m, speaks to race organizers Andy Salvatori and Ted Brandon.



First camp canoe races a success

The Haliburton Rotary Club hosted its first Rotary Canoe Camp Challenge on Wednesday, attracting 84 participants.

The top three finishers in each event are as follows:

Junior girls: Nicki Leonard and Tessa Warelink, Camp Kandalore; Alanna Tedesco and Julie Dobain, Camp Gay Venture; Catherine Russell and Kate Findlay, Camp Gay Venture

Junior Boys: Felix Boulanger and Gord Graham, Camp Kandalore; Scott Kihner and Dan Ignis, Camp Wanakita; Keifer Pitfield and Chris Cowper-Smith, Camp Kilcoo.

Senior Girls: Megan Shaw and Tienekke Demeester, Camp Kandalore; Alexis Fraser and

Daniele Justason, Camp Gay Venture; Ruth Schafer and Lauren Gesvaldi, Camp Gay Venture.

Senior Boys: David Fenilky and Chris Van Der Water, Camp Onondaga; David Henry and Barry Colley, Camp Wanakita; Nigel Lawson and Andrew Kloosterhuis, Camp Onodaga.

Open Ladies: Megan Ford and Caryl Colton, Camp Gay Venture; Rayne Zukerman and Mary Sunderland, Camp Onodaga; Kelly Crothers and Betty Nicholson, Camp Kandalore.

Open Men's: Adam Branscombe and Justin Medyed, Camp Kilcoo; Eyan Smith and Aldrin Prinaylon, Camp Gay Venture; Bruce Cameron and Colin Quinn, Haliburton Scout Reserve.

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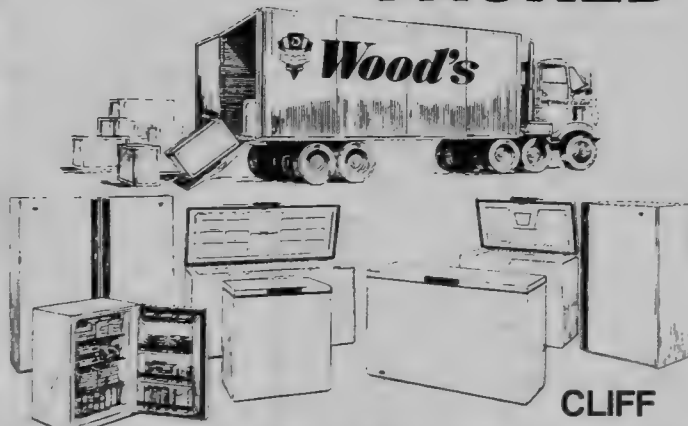
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NOT EXACTLY AS ILLUSTRATED

Campbell medals at national Legion track and field championships

by PAUL MORISSETTE
Coach

The path to individual achievement, athletic or otherwise, is often littered by numerous hurdles. Overcoming these obstacles is the key to success. This was the situation, literally and figuratively, this past weekend for Haliburton's Katie Campbell who competed in the Canadian Legion Youth National Track and Field Championships held in Sherbrooke, Quebec. This meet brings together over 300 athletes, aged 13 to 17, from B.C. to Newfoundland.

Campbell has been hindered by a badly strained muscle sustained in training. However, as she boarded the bus on Thursday she was energized by the enthusiastic display of affection accorded Olympian Lesley Tashlin in last

Wednesday's Rotary parade.

In the 100 meter sprint run on Saturday Campbell ran well enough to qualify for the final where she finished fifth.

On Sunday, Campbell turned in a remarkable performance running a personal best 45.92 300 metre hurdles to capture the bronze medal. Katie also ran the opening leg for Ontario's 4 X 100 metre relay team which won the silver medal. Of interest was the fact that the team included Kate's provincial hurdling rivals Alison Cross of Ottawa and London's Jessica Kelinka.

The bronze and silver medals capped a superb initial season of competitive athletics for Campbell who is looking forward to next season so she can run with her friends and set her sights on new goals.



SILVER MEDALLISTS:

At the recent national track meet in Sherbrooke, Quebec, sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion, Haliburton's Katie Campbell was on Ontario's 4x100 relay team, which came second. Katie, with sunglasses ran with her rivals in the high school track world, Alison Cross and Jessica Kelinka (and another girl whose name is not known.) She also won a bronze in the 300m hurdles and was fifth in the 100m finals

National white water championships in Minden

The Ontario Wild Water Affiliation is pleased to host the Canadian National Championships this year. This ends an eventful white water season with Ontario paddlers competing at the World Wild Water Championships in Europe and the Slalom at the Summer Olympics.

The National Championships consist of two disciplines, the Wild Water and the Slalom. The Wild Water races will be held on August 15 and 16 on the Middle Madawaska River near Barry's Bay, and the Slalom races will be on August 17 and 18 on the Gull River near Minden.

Each discipline will offer senior and junior medal classes for Men's and Women's Kayak (K-1), Decked Canoe (C-1) and Tandem Decked Canoe (C-2). Participation classes have also been included to allow local racers with non-regulation boats to compete.

The tentative schedule is:

Wild Water (Downriver), Middle Madawaska River: Thursday, August 15 - 11 a.m., Friday, training run, all classes, August 16 - 10 a.m., championship run, all classes.

Slalom, Gull River: Saturday, August 17 - 2 p.m., training run, all classes, Sunday, August 18 - 9 a.m., championship runs, all classes. (Times may move forward or back an hour depending on water availability).

It is expected that 60 racers will compete in the Wild Water and 100 in the Slalom, including Olympic athletes Sheryl Boyle (K-1 Women, Ontario), David Ford (K-1 Men, Alberta) and Benoit Gauthier and Francois Letourneau (C-2 Men, Quebec).

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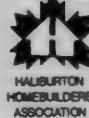
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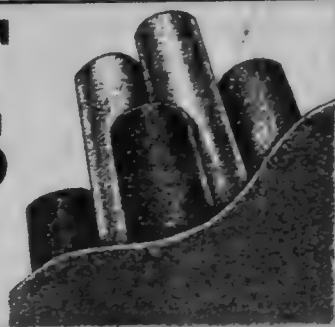
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Amazing Grace...

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

IN THE 100 METRES between the starting blocks and the finish line, Lesley Tashlin's legs act like pistons, driving her body forward with a strength that could be very scary any place other than on a track.

As those legs propel her over the nine hurdles which block the way from start to finish, however, there are also times when Tashlin is a study in suspended grace. For the briefest of moments, she glides through the air, her bent arms horizontal to the ground, her right leg stretched before her in a perfect 90° angle. Athletic bliss.

In this way, the 100m hurdles fit her personality as snugly as the Spandex outfits which only true athletes can get away with wearing in public.

In person, the 27-year-old Olympian is a mixture of strength and grace. She has a smile which could melt the ice on Head Lake in January and yet at the core of her being, there is also an inscrutable resolve. After years of running, jumping, running, jumping, she has become an incredibly focused person. She's had to be to develop the stamina and determination needed to reach the pinnacle of athletic ability, the Olympics. With Lesley, this focus doesn't come across as a coldness. Steely perhaps, uncompromising maybe, but admirable definitely. And with an inner warmth which makes sure she doesn't stray to ego-enhancing habits, she's an intriguing and highly likeable blend of two opposite forces.

Here she is, a couple of days after competing in the Atlanta Olympics, sitting on a couch in the living room of her mother's home in Haliburton, and eating shortbread cookies for breakfast. And she doesn't even feel guilty. She laughs when you mention this isn't exactly the breakfast of champions. Perhaps not, but the cookies were given to her weeks before the Olympics and this is the only time she'll be able to indulge in a little couch-potato

activity. Besides, given that she can lift 80 kilograms of dead weights from the floor to her shoulders, what's called a "clean" in athletic lingo, she'll burn off the calories a lot faster than other indulgers.

"The last time we were in a weight room, I saw guys packing up their bags and leaving after they watched her do her cleans," says the smiling man occupying the other end of the couch. Craig Taylor is Tashlin's coach, and a short while ago, he also became her fiancé.

His personality is also a study in opposites — the gritty hardness which compels Lesley to push herself beyond self-imposed limitations, and a tenderness which comes from being a man in love. It's not surprising that when they tell the "first moment we met" story of romantic fusion, the setting is on a quiet track in the early hours of the day. Their professional and personal bonding began almost instantaneously — he when he saw her tackle the hurdles, she when she asked him if she had what it takes to succeed and believed his affirmative answer — and has been strengthening ever since. A conversation with them is an odd mixture of getting down to the business of developing an Olympic athlete and the light-hearted bantering of a couple who feel very much at ease with one another. They might be athlete and coach — she

says she's Taylor-made — but they are also very close friends.

"He was rude!" she says of the day he told her she could lift 80 kilos and she said she couldn't before stomping away. "It was all the testosterone in the room."

"It's part of my job to get her to do these challenges," he responds patiently. "She got under (the weights) and found out she could do it, but it's something I had to make her do... I've always told her never be surprised by what you can do because it all comes from with in.

'holy smokes, you've got a lot of talent.'" She says she asked him if he believed she could do it. "He said yes so I said okay... He said if I'm willing to do it, he'd be there."

Being there lately means a lot of work in the weight room. Before that, "I looked good but I had no strength." Yet the power that is needed to shoot her body up from the starting block is the same power that's used to lift 80 kilos from floor to shoulders. Taylor has always been strong on weight room workouts, and

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Maclean's were amazed by the size of her thighs. They're big. Comparing that picture to the one showing her as female athlete of the year at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in 1986, they wonder how she did it, how anyone could do it, without a little artificial help.

But Tashlin has never been tempted to take steroids because if she did, she'd never be able to truly enjoy her success. Success is a selfish pleasure and she's selfish enough to want to achieve it on her own. Today, knowing how steadily she's progressed without steroids, she asks "what would be the point?" of taking them now. She knows she can improve without them.

Taylor is a bit more short-tempered about the issue. To the people who suspect Tashlin may have taken steroids, he says "when Lesley's time went from 14.2 seconds to 13.8 seconds, where were you? When her time went from 13.8 seconds to 13.5 seconds, where were you? When her time went from 13.5 seconds to 13.3 seconds, where were you? But drop under 13 seconds this year and rumours were flying. I resent that."

In a lighter mood he notes Lesley has worked four long years for her overnight success. In other words, those thigh muscles didn't appear overnight. Tashlin and Taylor have spent the past two years coaxing them into existence and it hasn't been easy for either of them. Others enjoy watching the culmination of that hard work when Lesley competes. He's been there when she's cried that she wants to quit the endless hours of training in an empty stadium.

But what a stadium it was in Atlanta, when Tashlin joined 10,000 other athletes as they marched into the view of 80,000 people in the stands, and mil-

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Craig Taylor says "the first time I saw Lesley I said 'holy smokes, you've got a lot of talent.'" Lesley says she asked him if he believed she could do it. "He said yes so I said okay"

If
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thing else is equal,

what's going to come through is your own heart."

Their teaming works for one main reason: they each trust one another. Taylor trusts that Tashlin is going to give it her best, to make every practice count and to know that when he yells at her, he's doing it for her own good. Tashlin knows that Taylor is totally dedicated to her training and that he'll work just as hard as she does to make sure she surpasses that day's expectations.

"I wasn't the most committed hurdler at York," she says, and it wasn't until he took her aside at a training camp for the Ottawa Lions that she decided it was time to make the vow. He says "the first time I saw her I said

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lar. Seeing what
they're up against on a
truly international scale for
the first time, Tashlin and Taylor
know "there are going to be
more sacrifices for both of us" to
reach that level of physical form.
But at least both of them know
it's reachable.

Tashlin has decided to continue with her training, perhaps even with the goal of competing in the 2000 Olympics, because she knows she hasn't reached her plateau yet. Time and time again, Taylor has shown her that she can do more and because of his commitment, she knows that she will do more. What's more, she'll do it without drugs.

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"There are going to be more sacrifices for both of us," say Lesley Tashlin and her coach Craig Taylor during a recent visit back home in Haliburton. After seeing the high calibre of international competitors at the Atlanta Olympics, they know they have their work cut out for them when they move to Bahrain, where he will coach the fledgling national team and she will train. The two of them recently became engaged

...and incredible strength

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lions more watching the opening ceremonies at home.

Actually, to the athletes it felt a bit like being cattle herded off to the next pasture. (Tashlin was close to Canadian flag-bearer Charmaine Crooks while Taylor marched in with the tiny Team Bahrain, a team of one which he has been hired to turn into a team of many.) Even when they stood under those glaring lights, they couldn't really hear what was going on because the speakers were turned toward the audience, not the lowly athletes. "I finally saw more of the opening ceremonies last night on the video," she says.

The evening, however, was a taste of what was to come.

Asked if she was caught up in the Olympic magic, Tashlin says "I was expecting an Olympic feeling and it was more of a Coca-Cola and McDonalds feeling." Atlanta's Olympics have been criticized for being highly commercial and Tashlin says you couldn't look or go anywhere without seeing some sort of advertising or product mar-

keting. Talking to Canadian decathlete Michael Smith, who has competed in previous Olympics, "he said previous Olympics were more inspirational. This just felt American."

The morning of Tashlin's preliminary heat in the 100m hurdles, she felt good. She had an excellent practice race and as she gathered with the other women at the starting blocks, she could even hear her twin sister Lindsey shout encouragement. (Lindsey has that innate ability to find that lull in the noise and fill it, her sister smiles.)

In the next 13 seconds, however, she felt, in the words of countless Olympians before her, the agony of defeat. She had a bad start, a bad middle and a bad end, falling after the last hurdle.

Standing there, watching her, Taylor went through a "myriad" of emotions. First his feelings as a coach burst out with anger — "oh man, how could you let the crowd bug you!" Then his feelings as a person took over — "my goodness, she must be feeling terrible. She doesn't fall, she

didn't mean to fall." How would Lesley be feeling?

"You have these expectations of yourself," she says calmly, after days of re-living those 13 seconds. "I felt I was letting all those people who were watching me down, and letting myself down..."

"I can't tell you what happened. I still don't know."

"I remember running in front of 40,000 people and I was in awe," says Taylor, who dallied with the idea of being an Olympic athlete until he realized he couldn't settle for anything less than being an Olympic athlete (and had no Craig Taylor-like coach telling him it was possible if he kept at it.) "I just remember that 40,000 people were watching me. I don't remember the race."

As to Lesley's fall, he says "you can't force the hurdles. She wanted it so badly she tried to force what she could have done anyway. That's where experience at international meets comes in."

And that's why they get frustrated by some of the rules of

Athletics Canada. Just before the Olympics, the World Championships were held. Tashlin had the qualifying time, but she wasn't allowed to go, even though a friend had volunteered to pay the airfare. Athletics Canada doesn't have as much money as it used to, and they think it wanted to cut costs by reducing the number of participants. But those championships would have been invaluable to Tashlin because it would have meant she had one international meet under her belt before she went to the Olympics. Instead, she went to Atlanta cold turkey, never before having competed before that size of crowd with that level of tension. Since it was also Taylor's first Olympics, he realized he hadn't done enough either to prepare her. Live and learn, as they say. And get ready for the next race.

After their brief visit to Haliburton last week — when Tashlin was the star attraction of the Rotary parade — Tashlin and Taylor flew to Calgary, where they've been based for the past year. In September, they'll be

moving to Bahrain, where Taylor has a coaching job and where Tashlin will train. In between, they plan to come back to the Highlands for a week or two. It's a holiday they've both deserved and they've already told her mother, Lynn, to start baking her famous pies.

It will be a bittersweet visit, though, because part of the time will be spent settling the affairs of Lynn Tashlin's mother who died in March. Apart from being Lesley's number one fan, "Mame" was also her inspiration. It's Mame who can take the credit for Lesley having such a level head. In a three-hour interview, it's not the memory of her fall in the Olympics which causes Lesley's eyes to mist over, it's the thought of her grandmother's guidance — and now its absence.

"She kept me modest," Tashlin says. "She'd say don't think you're better than anyone else but at the same time, you can do whatever you want. She figured everyone in the race deserved to win."

Lesley Tashlin is definitely one of the winners.

Haliburton Minor Baseball

• Standings as of August 9 •

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	T	GB
Indians (Bishop and Wilson)	8	2	2	-
Yankees (Haliburton Lumber)	7	1	4	-
Red Sox (Kennis Lake Marine)	3	8	1	5.5
Blue Jays (Emmerson Lumber)	2	9	1	6.5

Last week's results: Indians 9 Red Sox 5; Yankees 10 Blue Jays 9; Indians 12 Blue Jays 10

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	T	GB
Cardinals (Home Town Fashions)	7	4	0	-
Royals (Halco Electronics)	7	4	0	-
Athletics (Sharpley Sports)	5	6	0	2
Orioles (McKee's Place)	3	8	0	4

Last week's results: Orioles 21, Cardinals 19; Royals 21 Athletics 10.

CANADIAN LEAGUE

	W	L	T	GB
Phillies (G.J. Burtch Construction)	8	3	0	-
Pirates (valu-mart)	8	3	0	-
Marlins (Curry Motors)	6	4	1	1.5
Brewers (Hal. Home Hardware)	4	7	0	4
Rockies (Rodco Enterprises)	4	7	0	4
Dodgers (Cnty. Comm. Printers)	2	8	1	5.5

Last week's results: No games played

MNR releases results of the 1996 Adult Moose Validation Tag Draw

The 1996 Adult Moose Validation Tag Draw has been completed successfully. This year 103,731 applicants applied for 23,236 Adult Moose Validation Tags. Of the total number of tags, 20,619 were distributed among group and individual applicants.

Sixty one percent of groups and twenty three percent of individual applicants obtained tags. Successful applicants will receive their tags by mail.

Surplus Tags

Some Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) still had tags left over after the draw. This means that 2,617 tags are still available, including 2,589 rifle season tags in WMUs 1A, 1C, 1D, 16A, 16C and 17; and 28 archery season tags in WMUs 4, 6, 9B, 14 and 18A.

Hunters who were unsuccessful in the 1996 draw may apply for a surplus tag by calling toll-free 1-800-363-3730 on August 26, 27 or 28, 1996, between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. EDT. Applicants should be sure to have their 1996 moose licence number ready when they call this number. Surplus tags do not affect a hunter's preferred pool status in the following year's draw.

Hunters should note that WMUs with surplus tags are located in remote areas of the

province and many only be accessible by aircraft. Hunters should inquire from a tourist outfitter or from their local MNR office about the exact location of WMUs before applying for a surplus tag.

Tag Draw Results by Phone

Starting in 1996, notices of unsuccessful applications will no longer be mailed out to hunters. Instead, moose hunters can now find the results of the Adult Moose Validation Tag Draw by calling MNR's new toll-free Wildlife Draw Results line at 1-800-275-6657 (French-speaking callers should dial 1-800-222-9784) from August 1 to December 31, 1996. Other useful information regarding draw pools and WMUs with surplus tags will also be available on this line.

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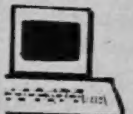
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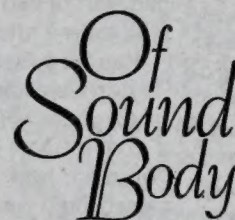
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Easter Seals ambassador enjoying his year as Timmy

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

IT WOULDN'T be surprising if Warren Sun develops an identity crisis.

After all, to all his friends and family – including his grandmother Irena Durling of Drag Lake – he's known as Warren, a typical 13-year-old who loves sports and fighting with his sister.

But to thousands of people, Warren is known as Timmy, this year's ambassador of the Easter Seals Society.

For the past six months, the Ajax teenager has had to become accustomed to answering to both names depending on whether you know him in his personal or public persona. And he's loving every minute of it.

"It was like 'holy cow' – I was speechless," Warren says of his reaction when his Easter Seals nurse phoned him with the news he had been chosen as the 1996 Timmy. "I got off the phone and I was doing pop-a-wheelies in the apartment yelling 'YES!'"

When his inaugural event as Timmy included sitting beside his supreme hero, Felix Potvin of the Toronto Maple Leafs, Warren knew this was going to be a year he'd never forget.

"Warren lives and breathes Felix Potvin," says his mother, Linda, during a recent visit to her mother's Drag Lake home.

"I know my stats, everything," adds Warren who already has a very clear idea of what he'd like to be when he grows up – a sports broadcaster.

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MAKING HIS FAMILY PROUD: Gathered around Warren Sun, centre, are clockwise from left: his mother Linda, grandmother Irena Durling of Drag Lake, cousin Tara, sister Sarah and pet dog, Tara.

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What boy wouldn't like meeting "The Cat"?

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This year in the limelight is certainly helping him get accustomed to the media. He's been photographed for the Toronto Star, the Easter Seals Society promotional literature, and countless other publications. He and this year's Tammy, Adèle Aubut of Toronto, were featured in the day-long spring telethon, their smiles helping to convince people of the worthiness of donating to Easter Seals. They were also featured at the Bobby Orr Skate at Maple Leaf Gardens. He's met dozens of sport and media personalities: Potvin, Olympic athletes, Blue Jays players, Mike "Pinball" Clemens, Lynette Jennings of CHFI, the cast of the Royal Canadian Air Farce and the Lieutenant Governor, Hal Jackman. (Asked whether he gave Potvin any coaching tips during their dinner together, his mother says they were both too shy to talk to one another. Asked what it was like to be on television during the telethon, he said he learned to "sit there, act calm, smile, wait and eat" and then repeat the whole process.)

His family is helping to ensure he keeps a level head through all of this. "I don't want to have to deal with a spoiled brat after all this has finished," smiles his mother. "He takes it one day at a time. It's a duty and he knows it will be over in a year."

But she has noticed how good the experience has been for her son. "His self-esteem has come up. He's not as shy."

"I've grown not to be so shy and be more sociable," he says of how he's grown.

Timmy - whoops, Warren - was born with spina bifida, a spinal condition which has meant he uses a wheelchair to get around. Through the years, he and his family have periodically benefitted from Easter Seals. He has an Easter Seals nurse - who nominated him to be this year's Timmy - and has been to Easter Seals camp, a quintessential summer experience which can sometimes be difficult for kids in wheelchairs at regular camps. Depending on a family financial position, Easter Seals can also help purchase mechanical aids and

As Timmy, Warren has been able to meet some of his idols, including the Toronto Maple Leafs' Felix Potvin

equipment.

Warren wanted to be Timmy "just to help kids and their families get the equipment they need with Easter Seals' help."

"Easter Seals helps kids," he

says, and without the mobility afforded by his wheelchair, "it would be really hard for me to meet people and have friends."

"We try to let him do everything we can," says 18-year-old

sister Sarah, and with Ester Seals' help, Warren can be doing everything other kids his age do.

His mom adds that "Easter Seals is a really good support

group... Today especially, if you have a child with special needs, there's no way you can do it on your own. They're there when you need them and can put you in touch with other organizations."

Warren is proud of the fact that he can help Easter Seals help other kids. But he's not entirely altruistic about his role. Meeting all his sports heroes is pretty cool, too, he smiles.

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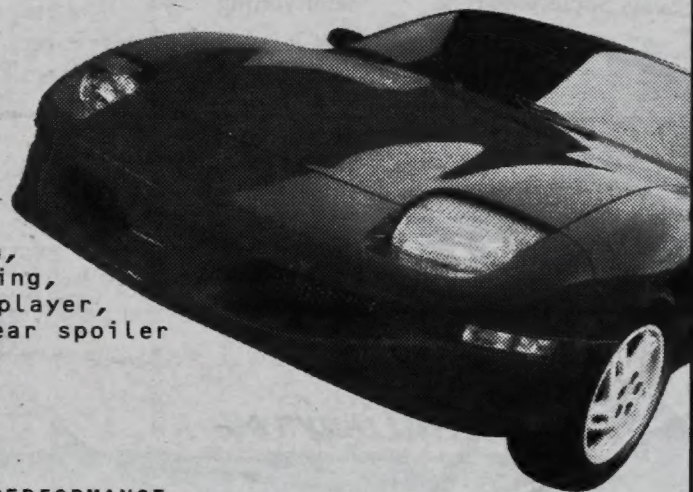
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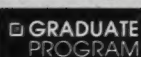
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